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PASS TO ICE ATTACHE MIKE LOONEY, KINGSTON FOR RSO AND DEA,
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E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL MIGRANTS OF MIDDLE
EASTERN DECENT TO THE U.S.

REF: SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED - CONTAINS LAW
ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

¶1. (SBU) Information was passed on October 27, 2005 to RSO John V. Kane
by
DEA Country Attaché (CA) Kevin Stanfill that DEA recently recruited a
Confidential Informant (CI) in the Bahamas who is a boat captain by

SIPDIS
trade. The CI returned from the United States in September 2005 to the
Bahamas after serving five years in a U.S. federal prison for
Conspiracy
to Import/Distribute Cocaine.

¶2. (SBU) Upon the CI return to the Bahamas, the CI was approached by
several smugglers who attempted to recruit the CI to smuggle narcotics
via
vessel.

¶3. (SBU) In October 2005, the CI was approached by Paul Ferguson from
Freeport, Grand Bahama (NFI), regarding the smuggling of illegal
migrants
into the United States. Ferguson told the CI that he had a contact in
Jamaica who has persons of Middle Eastern decent who needed to be
smuggled
into the United States. The DEA Case Agent, Mike Bulgrin had the CI
reconfirm that the persons that Ferguson was speaking about were Middle
Easterners. The CI reconfirmed this to SA Bulgrin after a conversation
with Ferguson. Ferguson went on to tell the CI that the smuggling route
would be Jamaica to Haiti and finally to South Florida.

¶4. (SBU) RSO is attempting to get further information regarding
Ferguson
and has spoken with Royal Bahamas Police Force Inspector Steve
Strachan,
who works for the Security and Intelligence Branch in Freeport, Grand
Bahama. Inspector Strachan said that he would do records checks on the
name Paul Ferguson and pass the information to RSO. Interestingly
enough
a check of the Consular Consolidated Database revealed that there are
only
two Paul Ferguson that have been issued visas in the Bahamas. One is
Paul Racardo Robert Ferguson, DOB June 7, 1969 and the other Paul Novel
Ferguson, DOB December 2, 1973.

¶5. (SBU) RSO has passed the above information on to FBI A/LAT and ICE
Attaché. Contact for this information is RSO John V. Kane, office
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